

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday January 11, 2010**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman S. Davis called the meeting to order. Committee Member Pinckney gave the Invocation and Committee Member Farley led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman S. Davis asked for the approval of minutes from the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety held on December 14, 2009.

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman S. Davis stated, "It gives me great pleasure and honor at this time to have with us this afternoon, the Honorable Jean Toal, Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court in our midst who will provide the Committee with some information in regard to the Statewide Case Management System. Also, we would like to welcome all the other judges and Berkeley County's own judge, Daniel Pieper, who serves on the South Carolina Appeals Court. We say welcome to all of you. I want to take a personal aside since, I think I'm the only lawyer in the group, so this is a special afternoon in that regard to have the Chief Justice here. I'm humbled and honored to think that we could bring her from the great capitol of Columbia down to Moncks Corner. We're happy to have you here. So at this time, Judge, we are going to give you the floor."

Mary E. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated, "I need to introduce her, if you don't mind. Supervisor Davis, Chairman Davis and members of County Council. I have the great honor of introducing to you, Jean Hoefer Toal, Chief Justice of South Carolina Supreme Court. Chief

Justice Toal was elected to our Supreme Court in 1988 and was installed as our Chief Justice in 2000. Chief Justice Toal often reminds us that when she first joined the Supreme Court, everything in our judicial system was handled by the use of a yellow legal and a pencil. As times has changed and our state has experienced phenomenal growth, Chief Justice Toal was one of the first to realize something had to be done. As a result, she has made the efficient use of technology in the judicial branch one of her primary goals. She is here to discuss the Case Management System which has now been implemented in Berkeley County. When I first took office in 1983, we may have handled 300 civil cases in the Clerk of Court's office. This past year we handled more than 2,000. The use of tools such as this Case Management System will allow us to perform our jobs more efficiently but to also have a judicial system that is more open and accountable to all the citizens of this state. Members of Council, I am so happy to present to you, Chief Justice Toal."

A. The Honorable Jean Hoefer Toal, Chief Justice South Carolina Supreme Court,
Re: Presentation in regard to Statewide Case Management System.

Chief Justice Toal stated, "Thank you, Madam Clerk, for that very generous introduction and for your kind remarks, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, Supervisor, members of Council, it is a great, great honor for me to be here on a signal day in the life of the South Carolina courts system and of Berkeley County. I've got a little slide presentation and you members of Council may want to look to the screen at your rear as I go through this PowerPoint presentation. I think you all perhaps have some copies up there as well. I want to talk first about County leadership and vision. Great things are happening in this area of South Carolina. The Boeing announcement is only one of many leadership efforts that are being generated by the Low Country. I'm convinced that the current financial crisis this State and this Nation is looking at will turn around because of the local vision that Berkeley County typifies. Our big ideas and vision for moving our county forward is not going to come from the big idea leaders of the past. It is going to come from ordinary people like you and me who work and labor in the vineyards to move our counties and our state and this country forward. That's the kind of vision I want to talk about that Berkeley County brought to providing public services while managing growth in this county. This is a wonderful return visit from me. Chairman Daniel Davis remembers well, I'm sure, the visit we had a little over a year ago to talk about how we could change the way we do business and how we could automate Court records in Berkeley County. You had the vision to accept the challenge here in Berkeley County. My vision for what technology could do is kinda been the centerpiece of my administration as Chief Justice since I became Chief in the year 2000. Just as you had a vision for Berkeley County, my vision for the State was to use technology to provide for more consistent court operations, more effective management of resources through the electronic exchange of information from courts to other entities in local and state government that need that information. To eliminate duplication and redundancy of operations and increase accuracy and timeliness and public access to the information that's in our court records and in our court house. I felt that was a way we could improve particularly the effectiveness of our criminal justice part of our state court's system. That was the vision. How could we make it a reality. When I look at this map that shows our journey to using technology to make our system more effective, I start with the year 2000, when I became Chief we had an enormous backlog in every level of court in our system. The people I heard from the most were

not just average citizens litigating in the court and not even the victims' community or the law enforcement community. I heard from County Councils who said, 'Chief, our jails are overflowing and we are having to build new jails all the time just to house the people who are not making bond and awaiting trial. What can we do to break through this cycle?' I'm not saying that automation will do everything. I looked at that system and decided I'm probably not going to get any state dollars. The county probably is not going to get any new state dollars. I'm probably not going to get any new judges, though I badly need them and I've asked for them every year that I have been Chief. So how can I change the way we are doing business to make the resources we have more effective? In the year 2000 when I started dreaming my dream about the use of technology, the internet was not much used in governmental operations. It was kinda way out there on the fringe. Something that kids knew how to use. The world of education was using it in the classroom. But the idea that a business or a governmental entity would use the internet to house its records and to transmit information, that was way out there on the fringe. But, what attracted me to the use of the internet was it's cheaper by far than these big mainframe computer systems that have enormous investments in hardware, license fees every year that were just about beyond anything a county or even state courts' system could ever afford. But, the internet sat there as a much more user friendly and assessable system if you could set up the basic infrastructure around the state to provide high speed internet access for all courts' systems. That sounds a lot easier in the speaking of it than it turned out to be and a lot easier that it was when no courts around the county were doing this. I got some initial grant money through Senator Fritz Hollings and we began the journey. Not one county had a website. Our judicial department certainly didn't. Websites weren't a way that you got in to getting information at that time. The first thing to do was to get somebody who would have a vision way on out there, now just in 2000, but could look 10 years down the road and say, 'How can we make this happen?' All wisdom does not reside in lawyers. I know that surprises ya'll. It may surprise you to have the top judge in the state say that. I decided to go to the world of education and try to find some leadership there. I found a leader who had completed a 30 year career in education and capped it off by serving first as IT Director for one of the large and very successful school districts in Richland County, after a career as a Teacher of the Year in the classroom. I got this master teacher, Dr. Joan P. Assey to join my organization. She was then serving as the Education IT Director for Governor Hodges. I convinced her to come into the world of the law, which she said, 'I don't know anything about that.' I said, 'You don't have to. You know about management. You know about effective communication with people. You've got some kind of vision of what this new internet could do to manage people and court records. We can teach you what you need to know about the law. That's not the tough part. The tough part is the knowledge base you've got.' She joined me 10 years ago and it has been a wonderful journey that frankly involved very little by way of state money, because the state just didn't have the money to create this system. We created websites. We created overtime relationships with small local telephone companies, with AT&T, with BellSouth, with emerging cable television approach to providing internet service, where ever we could find it. And we started in rural South Carolina because the vision was, don't just pick the low hanging fruit in Columbia and Greenville and a couple of municipalities. Go out into the place where justice is really rendered, the magistrates' courts of South Carolina and automate from the ground up so that you don't just have a system that kinda works for the big courts but it doesn't capture all of the information. Most of the criminal matters start with that arrest warrant in a magistrates' court and the way we

used to keep records, every time that case progressed to the police department, the Solicitors' Office to the Clerk's office, some clerk had to rekey in or rewrite in all of the information about that case. We go into a county and their data might consist of data entry 16 or 17 different times. You can't imagine how many ways there are to spell Buick and Ford and some of the other basic information you have in a case. Our idea was to capture the information in the magistrates' court and build a system that starts at the basic level and then moves forward. That is how this system was developed. It's a Statewide Case Management System that manages General Sessions' Court and that is the part of Circuit Court that is the Criminal Court. Common Pleas Court, that is the part of Circuit Court that is the Civil Court. Magistrates Court, Criminal, Civil, Traffic. It has an accounting module and it has a jury management module. And thanks to Berkeley County, it now also manages the Masters in Equity, because we put that in with Bubba Watson's leadership, as a module for this system. It's a very complicated data base as you might imagine. It's really four relational data bases that are very complex in the way that they interact together, but through the use of some pretty sophisticated software, we are able to manage the people in a case, the finances of a case, the time deadlines in a case and all the other material that is in a case, whether it is civil or criminal. Now, where is this Case Management System today? We have automated with the Berkeley County installation, 81% of the total case load in South Carolina from the Magistrates' Courts right on up. You see the map. The gold counties are the counties in which we are fully deployed. We are next going to the three green counties you see there, McCormick, Newberry and Dillon, and then we will go to the blue counties. The most important installation there is Charleston. The other county in your circuit. I'm proud that I am going to be able to go to Charleston County Council and say, 'If you want to see real leadership, you look at what they did in Berkeley County.' That is the message that I am going to take to them. Your people have been wonderful. They've said 'Chief, anything Charleston needs.' Isn't it nice to know ya'll are going to be giving the technical assistance to Charleston. It's going to be a team effort and we will be in Charleston beginning in the spring of this year. When that is done, we'll just about have deployed the entire state. Interestingly enough, by the way, Berkeley County is almost 4% of the entire court business in the state. Just this one county. So this is a big deployment for us. Now, what are the benefits of having an automated Case Management System? Leaders, like you, care about cost savings and that is where we started when we developed this system. Eliminating redundant data entry increases, not just the integrity of the data, and this is real key, but it captures information at the source. It enables it to be assessable to other users. It is more correct and it builds on what is there. Forms generation, this is another big benefit of a uniform case system. Lawyer Davis, I am sure you have been to court houses before in South Carolina where they have got old forms that go back to Woodrow Lewis, one of my predecessors, and they haven't been updated since then. We used to send all of the forms out from Columbia to Clerk's of Court and then they had to use these paper forms and type them up on typewriters and that is how the record of a verdict or the plea of a criminal defendant or a myriad of other things that we use forms for, were done. Now, it is all updated one time on this automated system and when your Clerk of Court wants to enter data on a form, she pulls it up on the computer. But, people sometimes need a piece of paper in their hand. Part of the standardized way the system operates, is that there is a network printer in every court room. Whether it is a Magistrates' Court or whether it is your big Circuit Court here in Moncks Corner. These forms are there and they are printed as needed and they are always correct and they always have the latest laws. You know those Legislators change the laws all of the time.

We update constantly and you don't have to go to printing a whole new group of forms. So forms generation is a big part of standardizing the way you do business. And direct public access that citizens in their home, 24/7, can go to the internet and search what is in these court records. That is huge. And integration with other records. Integration with records from the police departments, from the Solicitor's office, from the Department of Corrections, from Social Services, all the other entities in government that interact with your courts' system. Integration is an enormous move forward and increased public safety. The fact that you've got the ability to process all this in a court room and electronically access an individual's file, a lot less bad folks fall through the cracks when you got a judge that can sit on the bench and they've got up to date information on file about what else this particular individual might have been involved in or is charged with when they are before the court. And, better response to law enforcement. When law enforcement wants to know what's happening in Berkeley County, what's happening with this particular individual. This internet access is such a more effective way. Can you imagine what it does when your clerk's operation that she doesn't have to respond to telephone calls all the time or walk ins all the time, that a lot of folk can get exactly what they want in the internet environment. The direct public access to the system is through Berkeley County's website with your web address. It provides case status and histories, court rosters, attorneys, the business community, anybody that needs court information. I tell you who jumped on the public index early on when we started automating the counties. Folk that want to know exactly who they are dealing with when they send Suzy down the street to play with little Joe. They want to know about that family. They go onto public access. They can check them out. People have a lot of different reasons why they want to know what's in court records. And it's available in this kind of environment. Public access functionality, case data can be looked at on a public index just like the courts in the court room, the judicial personnel are using it. It is the same kind of data that an individual can look at in their home as a clerk in a court would be looking at. You can view and print a case summary, the parties, the charges and disposition, sentencing and associated cases. You got somebody with a particular name, you can find out all the other associated cases for that person that are pending in your court. This is what the public index looks like when you use a web browser. This particular screen that you are looking at now. No personal indentifying information that is confidential is published on the web. No social security numbers and matters of that type. Be assured that we understand the privacy concerns very much, very sensitive to that. You can search by a person or a case number. You can search other cases that that individual might identified with. You can also get the specifics of the case and there are certain buttons or tabs that can be hit that will show you the various pieces of information about the case and the time deadlines. You know when is the next event in the case supposed to take place or when is it scheduled. That's all a part of it. So, how did all this happen? You know, Mary Brown is one of the most long serving Clerk's of Court in South Carolina and she is one of the leaders. And from the time, 10 years ago, that I began to talk about what we could do to automate court records, I went to leadership, like Mary, to ask about this. Berkeley County can be mighty thankful that you have a leader of Mary Brown's caliber. But you know, great leaders pick great support staff. I've got to say something very particular about Annette Harmon and Ollie Tucker and they are there in the court rooms and Council chamber today with their other colleagues in the Clerk's office. These are real can do individuals. And let me tell you, change is hard. This is not some easy thing to implement. You could tear your hair out trying to get all the records straight so you can unify them in one data

base. That is what we have been doing here in Berkeley County for eight months. This support staff and the Clerk's office have been hip to hip with my staff the entire time being sure this system works and it's right and it's comprehensive. They've worked with the judges to get them on board with this system. They've conducted testing. They've regular duties now. This is all in addition to that, that they conducted countless hours of testing to be sure this data had been converted correctly. They've used this project to improve judicial services and access to information for the public. The first line folks in the Clerk's office know better than anybody else what the public needs and is trying to get out of your records. And they have established the basis for the Solicitor's Office for Solicitor Scarlet Wilson to implement the Statewide Solicitor's Case Management System which is something we also developed that allows the Solicitor to unify their records and get the information from the Magistrate's office when an arrest takes place so that they don't redo the wheel in terms of re-entering a whole bunch of information in their system. Mary Brown said this, 'The Case Management System standardized the court room process for the citizens of Berkeley County while allowing on-line access to public court records.' It's been a long time coming and my congratulations to Mary's staff. I've got to also recognize some of the other leaders you have in the county who have contributed to this system. Judge Ava Ayers is one of my top leaders as Chief Magistrate in the state. In addition to serving as your Chief Magistrate here in Berkeley County, she streamlined the judicial operations with the use of technology long before we came with the Case Management System. She was one of the early leaders that said, 'Chief, when are you coming to Berkeley County.' And she's frankly been my tester, she and her staff, for a system that will be deployed in many other places because she is so knowledgeable about how automated systems should work in a magistrate's court setting. She says we have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars from implementing the setoff debt program. She was the first in the state to come up with the idea of the automated setoff debt program. And we incorporated that system, the judicial department did, into our Case Management System because of Judge Ayers' leadership in this regard. It is integrated. What we do as a court, she said, has made it flow together into one simple process with significant checks and balances in place to help everyone involved in our system function in a more productive manner'. She just shared this with me as I walked into your meeting this evening. This is a snapshot of the amount collected by credit card from all magistrate's office from September through January of this year under Judge Ayer's leadership. And it really is probably a smaller period of time than September to now because the credit card didn't get fully implemented for about a month or two. \$109,554.85 credit card collecting and I guarantee you would not have collected as a county. That's leadership and that's what this Case Management System does for you. Other leaders in this county, every successful county has got to have a first rate technology staff and we want to publicly thank Carolyn Grant, your Information Technology Manager and her staff. We also want to thank Michael Babb. We call this the Case Management System Tier Two Support Person and that is what Michael is for this system. He is kind of a go-to expert on how the system works. We thank both Ms. Grant and Mr. Babb and Ms. Grant's staff for this very successful installation. Let's get dollars and cents for a minute. What was the South Carolina Judicial Department's investment in Berkeley County? We've invested more than \$572,000 in this Court Case Management System's deployment. That includes software licenses, system set-up and configuration, conversion of all your data. You know these vendors will come in and they will sell you something new, but what they want to do is just from here forward. So your staff is going to have legacy systems setting

on their desk, sometimes two and three computers going backwards in time. Not with this system. We convert all of your data and it is all in your new system. And training and on-site go live support. There is not a private vendor you could find if you had to come out of your pocket as a county with that \$572,000 that would provide this kind of service and again my hat's off to Joan Assey and her staff for the kind of stay with it belief in this system and in Berkeley County. And we don't leave. We have 24/7 support for this system. We are with you. The Judicial Department owns this system, not just vendor in Kalmazoo. We take responsibility and the fees that you pay in the future for maintenance of this system go right back into the system. They don't go to some vendor or anything of that nature. They go right plowed back into the system to keep this system moving forward. Again, it begins with an idea, but the people that I am recognizing on this screen have the vision, Dan Davis, Caldwell Pinckney, Phillip Farley, Tim Callanan, Robert Call, Cathy Davis, Dennis Fish, Jack Schurlknight, Steve Davis. You should all take a bow. This has not be something that could have even be thought about without your leadership and the citizens of Berkeley County need to know what your leadership has meant to this very successful move forward in the use of technology by Berkeley County. Solicitor Scarlett Wilson has been a wonderful, wonderful help in getting this system and she can't wait until Charleston County also becomes a part of the Case Management System. Sheriff DeWitt was one of the first people that contacted me probably three years ago. Wayne DeWitt said, 'Chief, you've got to come to Berkeley County. We are losing the battle with the bad guys unless we can have a integrated approach to information.' Thank you for his leadership. I want you to know that more of this system is not funded with State funds. Fritz Hollings was the man who had the vision to begin with. He believed in us. He said, 'I don't want to just get some kind of earmark that sits there. I want you to develop a system that can be nationally recognized as a model.' I want to tell you that as of the end of last year when the Justice Department came here and looked at the South Carolina system. We are the national leader in the use of an internet based system in small rural states to unify their case data. But here is what really makes you feel good. When California calls my IT Director and they want to know how we did it and what lessons can be learned, that makes you feel mighty good. That's how the message from South Carolina is starting to move around. I'm very honored to have served two years ago as Chair of the National Conference of Chief Justices. South Carolina has never been in that position before. I will be flying to Boston, Massachusetts on Friday to speak to the Leadership Council of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, telling Massachusetts how we set up this internet based system. Let's not always drag our heads. South Carolina can lead the way in a lot of things and it's with folks like the folks in Berkeley County. The names you never see. The faces you never know. These are the folks that made the system possible. But certainly, Senator Graham and Representative Clyburn have been awfully helpful in keeping this system going for us. Your Delegation, Senators and House Members have been most supportive and most helpful of this effort. Court officers and judges are also very key players. We've got one of the finest Clerk's of Court in the State in Mary Brown. Your Register of Deeds, Cynthia Forte. Your Probate Court Judges Keith Kornahrens and his assistant Crystal Smalls and the Magistrates led by Ava Ayers. We also have here today, the Court of Appeals leader Danny Pieper, whose one of the old technology leaders. That was a field of endeavor in academic circles and college for him. He is recognized as one of the big leaders of technology for the court's system since he's served on every level of the court's system in South Carolina, now a leader in the Court of Appeals. We also have Circuit Judges and Family Court Judges and a Master in Equity that

really makes me proud to know something about Berkeley County. Kristi Harrington, DeeDee Jefferson, Roger Young, Mark Dennis, Joycelyn Kate, Wayne Creech, Paul Garfinkle, Jack Landis, Judy Bridges-Mahon and Charlie Segars Andrews and your Master Bubba Watson. These are judges of real vision and real class and real quality. I want to ask all the judges who are present here this evening to please stand for a moment so that I can recognize you. When I was in the House of Representatives, I chaired the Rules Committee and under my watch we abolished the House filibuster, so I don't want to treat you to a filibuster tonight having done that service for the House of Representative. I just want to say you are very generous with your time to allow me to come here tonight and celebrate this great day for the South Carolina Court System. And this great day for the Court System in Berkeley County. Berkeley County is one of the oldest jurisdictions where justice is rendered in this State. And when the history of the Court System from colonial days forward is written, the name of Berkeley County will be written large for it's leadership but not just in the past. We don't just need to look into the past for Berkeley County. We need to praise her the most for what she brings to the future of justice in South Carolina. Thank you and God Bless."

Chairman S. Davis stated, "Judge Toal, you have made us feel warm all over, if I can say that. We want to thank you for this information and now we have revealed our well kept secret in relationship to all these distinguished folks that we have associated with Berkeley County Government, we hope no other counties will try to rob them from us, Judge Toal. And also, Judge, on a personal note, I just want to tell you that every year, I wondered what I was going to do with all my advance sheets. But now, we can just go online and read what I want to read and that's the source of technology, my son was telling me about; he's sitting to take the Bar in February and I recall in 1982, we had to wait on a letter and we had to open it very slowly. But now they can go on the internet and find out instantly whether they are a member of the South Carolina Bar or not. Judge, we thank you for this information. It's been most helpful and we are thankful for all the members of County Council and I would extend any member of County Council an opportunity now to make any comment that they want to make at this particular time before we close out."

Committee Member Schurlknight stated, "Chief Justice, I would like to say thank you very much for those very kind words. Berkeley County is blessed to have the leaders that we have in this county and the vision of this County Council and the leadership of Berkeley County along with your vision at the State level. We will move forward and always like blazing the trail. Always like setting the standards and raising the bar. I think this is a good example of that. Again, thank you for taking your time to come down and speak with us and thank you for the very kind words."

Committee Member Fish stated, "I would like to expand just a little bit more on what you said Chief. When I first came on Council as Chairman of Finance, Chief Magistrate Ava Ayers took over that job. I was astonished to find out at the time it was close to a million dollars owed and she took that task on and came to us. The numbers you gave were kind of small compared to the work that Judge Ayers has done. I think she deserves a special recognition for that."

Committee Member Farley stated, "Judge Toal, I would like to thank you and I would also like to thank all the judges and magistrates and everyone else here tonight. Thank you for a job well done."

Supervisor Dan Davis stated, "Justice Toal, I've been around in local government for a number of years and this attempt at a Case Management System has been made a couple of times by one time privately and it never quite worked out. I know that it has been in the process now for a long, long time so you are to be commended. Your staff is to be commended. We finally got a system that worked and it actually worked as you said by going to the public section side. You put this system together and it functions very well and we are all going to benefit from here in Berkeley County and statewide. Congratulations to you on putting this all together."

Committee Member Callanan stated, "I just wanted to if I may just have Mary Brown, Annette and Olly stand up. There are probably the three that did all the leg work of getting this implemented in Berkeley County and I don't want them to leave tonight without recognized by everyone in this room. Thank you very much."

Committee Member Call stated, "Justice Toal, this is the first time I've ever seen you and I've got to tell you, you've a very engaging speaker. I'm hanging on every word. I appreciate the things you just said about our Clerk. It's a little inside joke, she has sovereignty at the Court house. We do appreciate you being here and we are very proud of our magistrate system. I was on County Council another time in the 80's and 90's and ticket fixing was a thing at one time. It was as bad then as it had been."

Chief Justice Toal stated, "You know, Mr. Call, that is one thing that is so important about what we have done with automation. If I had my way, we wouldn't use money in the court rooms at all. We would do things by card and so forth. It's just such a temptation. But automating shines the light on the figures and it's hard to do that kind of thing. And that is one big benefit of it."

Committee Member Call stated, "We had our Legislative Delegation to a point. A blue ribbon panel included an Appeals Court Judge sitting behind there. He was our Chief Magistrate at the time. With his help, he was crucial to keep from coming up with something we couldn't do by law. He was also very knowledgeable in the Magistrate system setup. We came up with a plan. It turned into Central Traffic Court. We actually had places in Berkeley County that the Highway Patrol wouldn't work because the Magistrates' offices had identical hours in some cases. There was no need to write a ticket if you know can't be there. They have to give account for those tickets. If they don't show up, I believe the trooper representative said if they don't show up three times, they get reprimanded. I don't blame them for not writing tickets when they can't go make a case. But it's worked wonderful. It's really worked wonderful. Judge Ayers has patterned her Domestic Violence Court on that pattern. The whole system that we had is working well and we are very proud of it and I for one am very glad to meet you. I buried my mother on Saturday. I got this morning to come home. If you could have seen the average on my computer in my car, you would want to hand write me an indictment. Thank you so much for being here. I appreciate it."

Committee Member Pinckney stated, "Chief Toal, I too would like to thank you for your vision, your wisdom and your leadership. I publicly would like to thank God for the leadership here in Berkeley County."

Committee Member Cathy Davis stated, "Chief Toal, I just want to thank you for your foresight in putting this in motion. Job well done."

Chairman S. Davis stated, "Chief Justice Toal, while I got this opportunity, I think we need to implant you to Washington D.C. Maybe you can resolve that National Health issue for us up there."

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **adjourn** the Committee on Justice and Public Safety meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended 6:50 pm.

February 8, 2010

Date Approved

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AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2009

A. The Honorable Jean Hoefer Toal, Chief Justice South Carolina Supreme Court,
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